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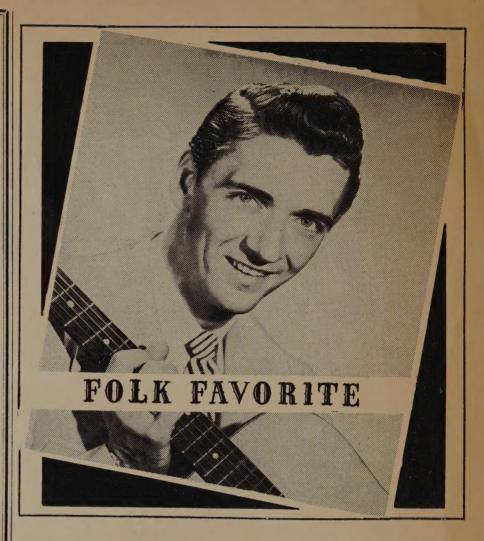
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CARL SMITH

Like so many other school boys in Like so many other school boys in 1945, graduation could only mean one thing for young Carl Smith — that there was military service ahead. Three days before his scheduled graduation, Carl left his home in Maynardsville, Tennessee, for 18 months service aboard a Navy troop transport — during which time his guitar was always with him.

Carl's hitch in the Navy was followed by a series of disappointments. He played radio shows and personal appearances in Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia with little success. Several times hunger and disappointment for-

times hunger and disappointment forced him home to farming for awhile. Once he found all his guitars locked up for back rent. But each time Carl came back slugging.

In 1950, then 23 years old and none too confident of success, Carl was persuaded by Troy Martin and Charlie Lamb to do an audition for WSM's program director, Jack Stapp. At the same time, he was introduced by tape recording to Don Law of Columbia Records. Law's decision was that there would be a contract if Carl was accepted for WSM and Grand Ole Opry. Jack Stapp was encouraging; but it was a month before the call from WSM was a month before the call from WSM

was a month before the call from WSM came through.

At any rate, the call from Jack Stapp did come — late at night, in early Spring of 1950. On April 19, Carl made his first Opry appearance from the stage of Nashville's Ryman Auditorium. Within a year, his popularity had grown to a fever pitch, and the success that followed is common knowledge. Carl's greatest ambition had been fulfilled. He would be content, he once said, "just

to stay at WSM and the 'Grand Ole Opry' and pick and sing until I fall over and die."

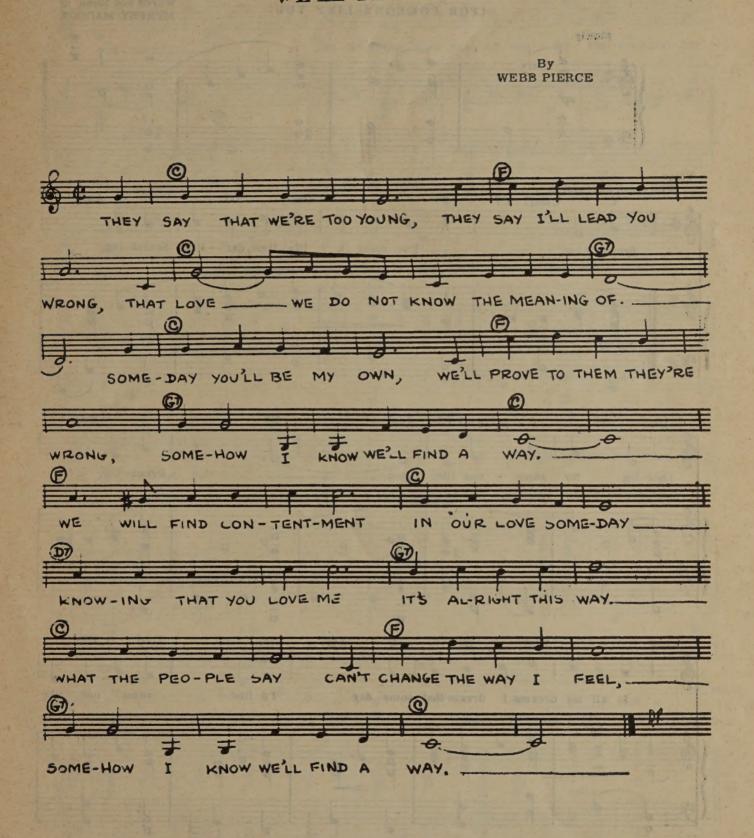
To most of us, Carl Smith is a brilliant entertainment personality — one whose whole life is spent on a stage playing his guitar and singing. The excitement Carl has caused in the Folk music world and the great popularity that is his is only the natural extension of the excitement of his private life — and of his popularity among all who and of his popularity among all who know him. Let's take a look at Carl as we might if we were to visit him in his

The white, farm-style fence which surrounds the Smith residence and the pleasant trees which shelter his secondfloor porch promise a happy and re-laxed scene within the unassuming brick Nashville house which is home to him. If he had to pick a favorite room in his home, Carl tells us his choice would probably be the panelled den. Here he is free to relax as he pleases and to play his guitar for his own enjoyment. The den holds Carl's extensive record collection and some of the tro-phies and plaques which his own re-cordings have won for him.

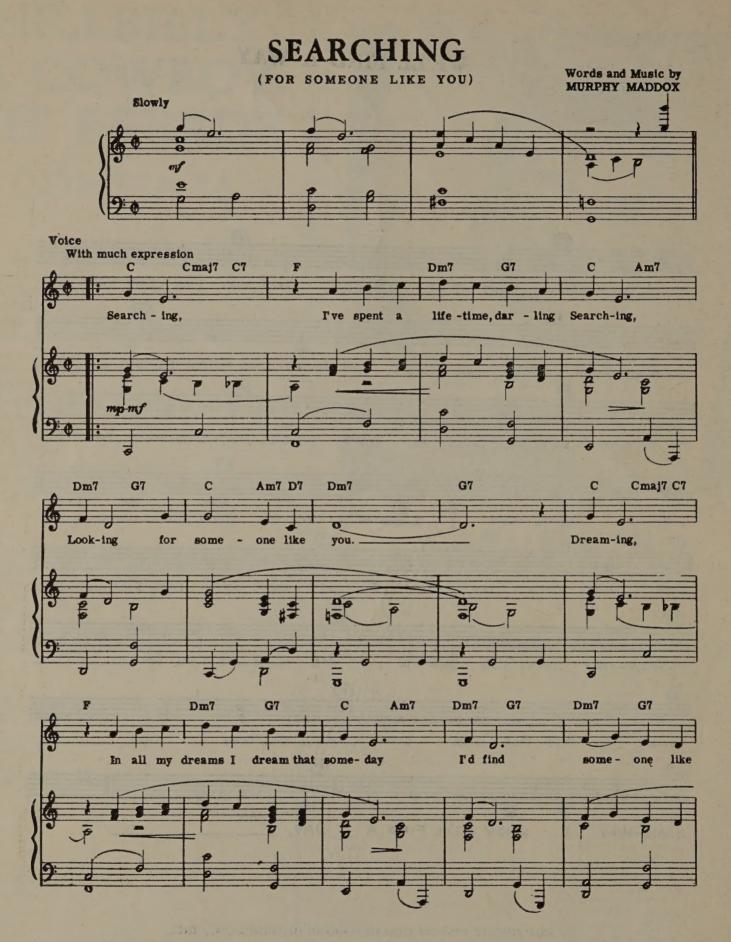
One of Carl's hobbies is collecting antique guns. Among his favorites are a pair of 45's that he handles with especially loving care.

Although it would be impossible for every Carl Smith fan to visit him personally in his home, Carl surely wishes they all could. For, this attractive and successful singer has not lost a bit of the humility and spirit of hospitality which he learned as a farm boy back in Maynardsville, Tennessee.

WE'LL FIND A WAY



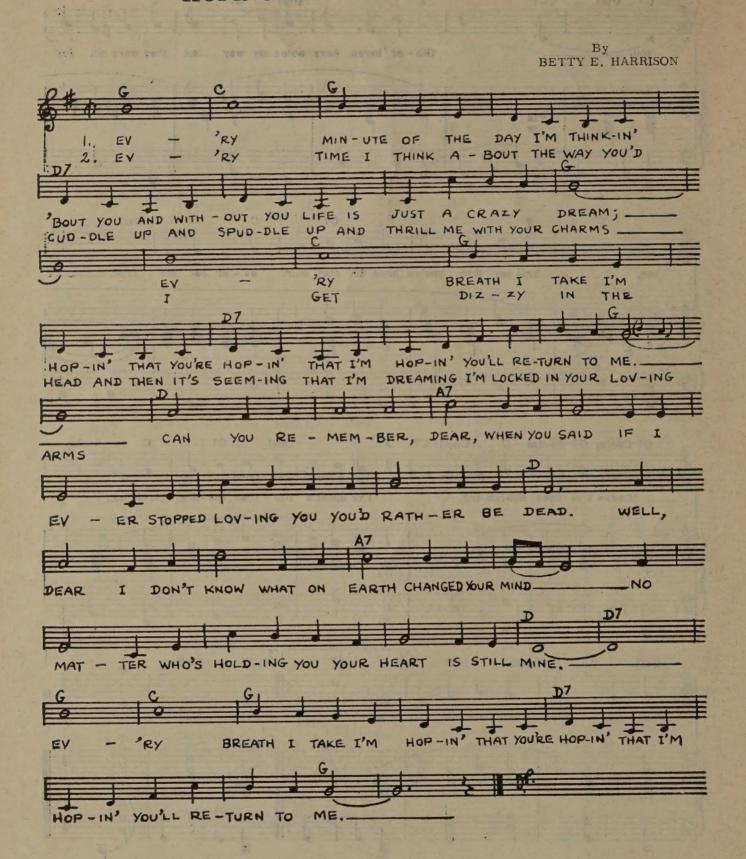
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HOPING THAT YOU'RE HOPING



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JOHNNY HORTON

The boy who's known far and wide as the "Singing Fisherman" is riding high on the "waves of success" and is sure not to be "washed up" for years and years — and then some. All you real Country fans know we're talking about none other than tall and handsome Johnny Horton.

Johnny has a new disc out that is

Johnny has a new disc out that is drawing plenty of plays — and plenty of attention. It's his new Columbia circle, "Honky Tonk Man", and the "Singing Fisherman's" many fans have been flockin' to their record shops and buying the wax as soon as it hits the shelves.

The fisherman part of Johnny's title was given to him because he's a real expert with reel and tackle. When he was only seventeen, Johnny Horton was considered top man when it came to bass and trout.

Movie "big-wigs" have been after the handsome fella, but his regularly scheduled three TV shows a week have made it rough for him to accept many offers. However, he did have featured roles in "The Life Of Will Rogers" and "Distant Drums", which featured Cary Copper

and "Distant Drums", which readured Gary Cooper.

The thirty-year-old Country singer was big in the Mercury Record fold for a good many years, turning out hit after hit for them. His first release to draw attention was "First Train Headin' South". This was followed by

another smash hit, "Child's Side Of Life". Johnny has many fine records to his credit but among the most popular are "I Won't Forget", "The Rest Of Your Life", "Tennessee Jive", "The Mansion You Stole", "I Won't Get Dreamy Eyed" and "S.S. Laureye". He's now one of Columbia Record's top sellers

The Horton boy has a repertoire of over 300 tunes, and this may be one of the reasons he is so well received on of the reasons he is so well received on personal appearance tours. Although Johnny has been on the same show with the biggest names in Country-Western music, he told us his greatest thrill was when he was on the stage with the "Late And Great" Hank Williams.

A little background material may help you get acquainted with this fine entertainer. As a youth Johnny studied guitar under his mother's guidence, who was a well-known music teacher. Johnwas a well-known music teacher. Johnny was satisfied just to sing for family and friends, and it might have remained that way if it hadn't been for a dare. Someone told Johnny he didn't have the nerve to enter a singing contest. Well, he not only entered the contest, but won it hands down.

Here's a few of Johnny Horton's statistics so that you'll recognize him if you see him walking down your street. He stands 6' 2" and weighs 175 pounds without his saddle, and although Johnny's not one to brag, he has good

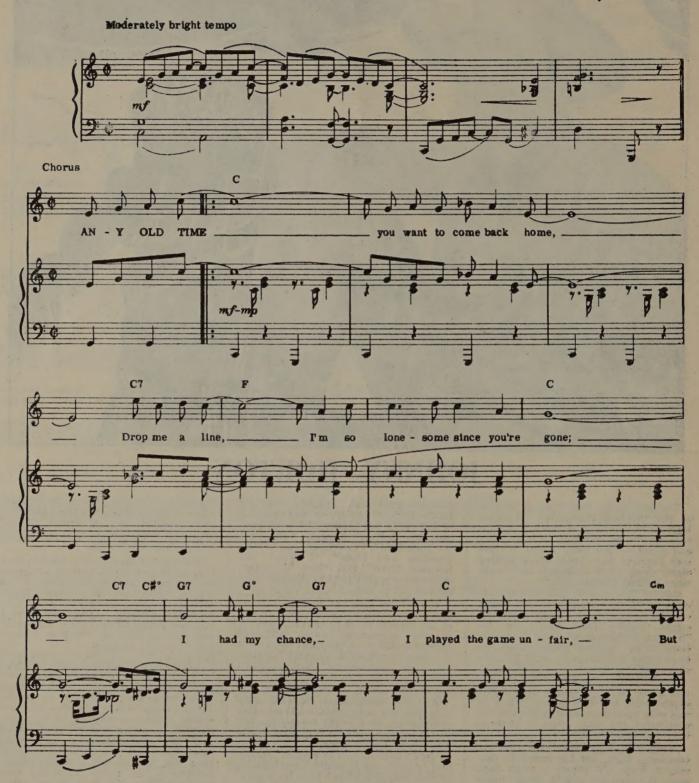
reason to. He was offered 26 scholar-ships to colleges all over the country—and accepted the one from Baylor, spending three years at that institution of higher learning.

The Johnny Horton Fan Club is ever expanding and ther's always room for one more. If you're interested in becoming a member, all you have to do is contact the president, Mrs. Dot Barnhart. Her address is Box 1641, Huges Springs, Texas. Get out those pens folks and join up with the "Singing Fisherman", Johnny Horton.

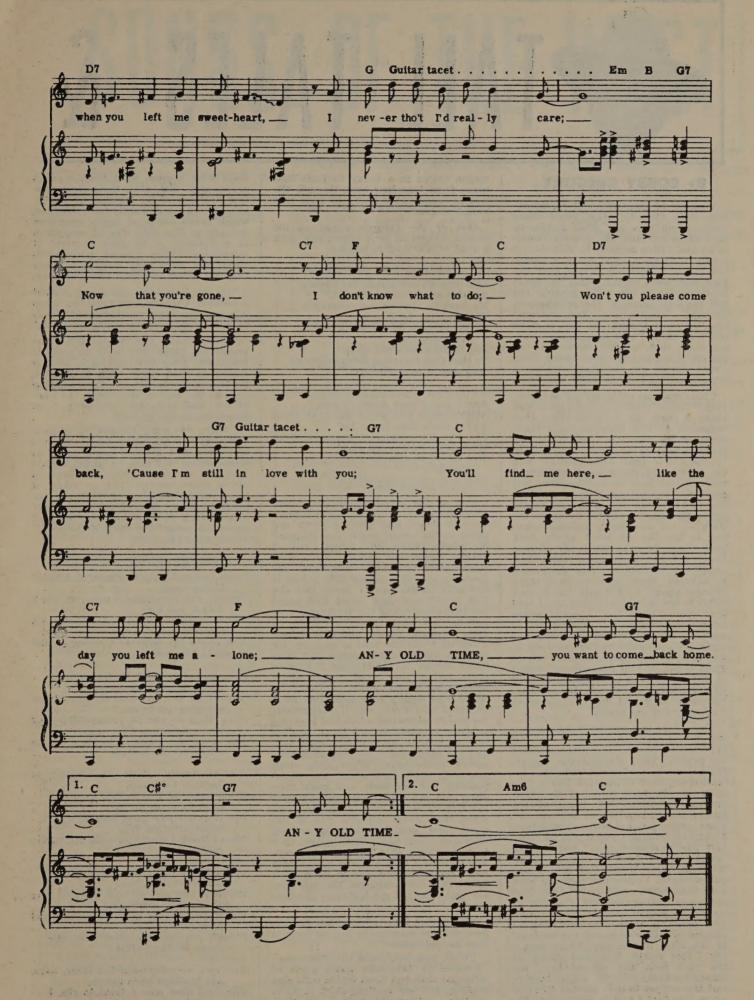
Johnny wants all you guys and gals to know that he certainly appreciates all the wonderful things you folks have been doing for him right along. As Johnny said, "I don't believe any recording artist — or anybody in the music business, for that matter — can ever reach the top without the aid of his loyal fans and friends. Not only do they buy the records and attend the personals, but their friendship and loyalty just seems to give an artist personals, but their friendship and loyalty just seems to give an artist that needed helping hand to push him ahead. That's why I make doubly sure that every song I sing or record will please my fans. So, I certainly would like to tell all you HILLBILLY AND COWBOY HIT PARADE readers just how much I love each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

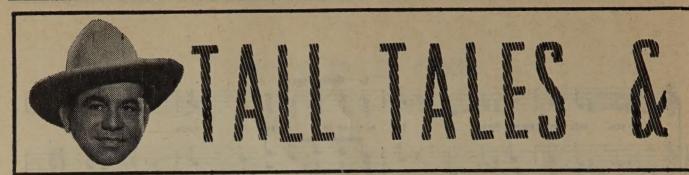
ANY OLD TIME

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By BOBBY GREGORY

Speakin' of tall tales and champion-ship liars, the Old West could claim more of 'em than any other section of land under the sun. The deserts, moun-tains and plains seemed to stimulate a man's imagination and make a moun-tain out of a mole hill. A man from the East may have been a small liar when he came West, but after hearing the tall tales of some of the prospectors, cowboys, construction and railroad ers, he soon became as big a story teller as they. These men weren't vicious liars; they told the stories for the fun of it and to entertain others. They would stretch out the facts and make them sound as if they really happened.

There was one old timer called "Lyin' Jack." One of Jack's favorite tales was about a giant elk he once killed that measured 15 feet between his antlers, claiming he used the antlers as the framework for his cabin, which held up the entire roof. Jack used to hold the crowd and the hunters spellbound while telling how he had to fight this giant elk, and it took 43 shots to bring him to his knees. The more Jack would drink, the more dramatic would be his drink, the more dramatic would be his story — but one day a stranger asked him to tell the elk story again. Jack said, "No, I'm through with stories. For years I've been telling these lies, and I've told them so often that I got to believin' them myself. That story of mine about the elk with the 15-foot horns is the thing that cured me. I told that one so often that I would sometimes see that giant elk charging me in my dreams. To clear up my mind, one times see that giant elk charging me inmy dreams. To clear up my mind, one night I lit a candle and crawled up in the loft of my cabin to view those giant horns, and all I found was a pair of billy goat horns, too weak to hold up a windswept sagebrush. Boy, oh boy, how those horns did shrivel down when I actually did see them!"

Then there was an old freight wagon driver who used to tell about the big rattlesnakes that he saw while crossing the prairie. They would rattle signals from snake to snake, and when they all rattled together it sounded like a dice game in the back room of the Last Chance Gambling Den. Some of the fellers used to say, "Them rattlers ain't pizen, and if you get bitten, just dab on a chaw of terbaccer and it will go away just like a skeeter bite," but the old freight driver used to say, "I know different, and I'll tell you how I was pullin' out of Tucson one morning with a 14 head team, and I noticed my lead hoss was acting up and starting to Then there was an old freight wagon hoss was acting up and starting to crown the wagon tongue, When I seen him rare up with his front feet, I jumped off the wagon and ran up front to see what was wrong. There was a big 5-foot rattler that had struck at the lead hoss and missed him, but struck his fangs into the wagon tongue, and the wagon tongue started to swell up so fast that I had to run back to the wagon and get a saw and saw off the

wagon tngue in a hurry to keep that pizen from traveling back through the wagon tongue in a hurry to keep that in the wagon."

One of the favorite songs of the wagon drivers on their return east with a load of ore was as follows:

"AMONG THE BUFFALO"

And now we are across the Brazos And homeward we are bound, No more in that cursed country Will we ever be found, We'll go home to our wives and sweethearts And warn others not to go To that God-forsaken cactus country Way out in New Mexico.

We lived on sagebrush and buffalo hump And a lot of sour dough bread, Black coffee, and alkali water to drink And a bulls hide for a bed The way the mosquitos and wood ticks Worked on us was not slow, God knows there's no worse place on earth

Than out among the buffalo.

One of the wagon drivers who had just returned from a long trip through western Texas was given a party and dance in his honor, and it was attended by young ladies who never tired of asking questions about the wide prairies, the Indians, the cattle and adthe wild horses ran in herds like she had read about and asked how large the herds were, and the Westerner told hor he had goon draws of thirty to the herds were, and the Westerner told her he had seen droves of thirty to forty thousand horses, and that it took 2 full days for the herd to pass by. He told her about the dust storm that their hoofs stirred up, which took 3 days to clear, and of the Texas spiders which were as big as sea turtles and their bite which was deadly poisonous. But what he hated still worse was the tarantula; for this creature had a hundred legs and a sting in each one of them, besides the two large stingers in his forked tail, the two large stingers in his forked tail, and his fangs twice as long as a full-grown rattlesnake. When they sting you with their legs alone, you might possibly live one hour, and when they sting you with all their stingers, you can live fifteen to twenty minutes. But when they sting and bite you at the same time, you first turn to a light blue color, then to a bright yellow, then to a sea green, then your eyes pop out, and your hair falls off, and your finger nails drop off and you're dead as a door-nail in three minutes. The only cure for that is to not get bitten in the first for that is to not get bitten in the first place.

The young lady asked, "My oh my, how did you manage to live so long in that horrible place?"

"Well, you see," said the Westerner, "I have my tarantula boots made of alligator skin and lined inside with zinc plating, and my hunting-shirt is made of thick rattlesnake hides with their rattles used as buttons, and the shirt, is lined with copper, so I have escaped pretty well. But, still, these don't protect you against the stinging of scorpions, cow-killers and scaly-back chinches, which crawl about at night when you are asleep. The only way to keep them at a distance is to pour a circle of moonshine likker around where you sleep, and when they smell the likker they get drunk and head the other way.

"Oh, my," said the young lady, "what a horrible country that must be, when a person has to carry whisky with them to keep from getting stung to death."

"Well," said the Westerner, "the people out there don't seem to mind it too much. They get used to it after a while; in fact, they seem to like it, for they chaw tobacco and drink whiskey even in the winter time, when the cow-killers and stinging lizzards are all frozen up in the ground.

"There was a big demand for Buffalo skinners, and the work was dangerous and hard. But a feller could make as much money in 3 months on the buffalo range as he could around the town in range as he could around the town in six or eight months time, so many of the younger men took to the range for a quick stake. One of the tunes that was popular at that time was the well known old song "The Buffalo Skinners", which goes like this:

"THE BUFFALO SKINNERS"

Come, all you jolly cowboys, and listen

to my song, There's not too many verses, it won't detain you long,

For it concerns some fellows who did agree to go
And spend the summer hunting on the

range of the buffalo.

It happened in West Texas, in the spring of seventy three, A man by the name of Jackson came

stepping up to me,
Says "How do you do, young feller, and
how would you like to go
And spend this summer hunting, on the
range of the buffalo."

And me being out of employment, to Jackson I did say, "This going on the buffalo range

depends upon the pay,
But if you'd pay good wages, and
transportation, too,
Then I think I would go with you to the
range of the buffalo."

He said, "I'll pay good wages, with transportation, too, Provided you will go with me and stay

all summer through,
But if you should grow homesick, and
pack and go home,
I won't pay transportation from the
range of the buffalo."

And now we've crossed the river, boys,

our troubles have begun, The first darn skin I tried to rip, I slipped and cut my thumb, While skinning them old stinkers, it

sure wasn't a show,
The redskins tried to pick us off while skinning the buffalo.
Our meat it was buffalo rump, and old iron wedge bread,
And all we had to sleep on was buffalo

skin for a bed
The fleas and ticks they chewed on us and made our skin all sore, There's no place worse on this whole earth than the range of buffalo.

The season being nearly o'er, old Jackson he did say The boys had been extravagant and in

debt to him that day,
We coaxed him and we begged him, but
still he wouldn't go,
So we left his bones to bleach there on

the range of the buffalo.

We've crossed back o'er the river, and homeward we are bound,

No more in that hardship country shall

we ever be found,
We'll go back to our homeland, tell
others not to go,
We're glad to get away from the land
of the buffalo.

In the early days, buffalo roamed the prairies in countless herds. Some of the old-timers said they had seen herds of twenty-five thousand, thirty, forty, and even fifty-thousand head of buffalo.

One day a traveling man stopped at Platte, and began bragging about the giant herd of buffalo he had passed that day. He offered to bet the saloon keeper a drink for everybody in town if he could find a man who had seen a larger heard than he had seen that day. herd than he had seen that day. He said he was willing to hold his hand up and swear that there were more than 100,000 buffalo in the herd, so the bartender called in some of the old buffalo skinners and asked them how big a herd they had seen in their lifetime. Some said fifty-thousand, some said seventy-five thousand and some said ninety to a hundred thousand.

One old-timer said he once saw about 125,00 in one herd and the traveling man spoke up and said, "Where were you when you saw all these buffalo?" and the old-timer said, "I was a boy travelin' with a wagon train, just south of Platte, when we were forced to circle our wagons to protect our horses from the stampede of the buffalo. For 5 days and nights it took the whole crew of men to shoo the buffalo away from the wagons, and the horses nearly died of thirst waiting for the herd to pass by. Then the bartender called in an old buffalo skinner known as "Buffalo Joe" and asked him how big a herd he had seen, and he put up his hand and swore, "As near as I could count, it was three million billion seven hundred and four — until I saw the hundred and four — until I saw the herd turn around and start back, then I tore for the tall timber.

After hearing this, the traveling man had the bartender ring the porch bell,

inviting the whole town to free drinks on him.

The stories of the West, and how men became rich in a short time seemed to draw like a magnet, and people were willing to go through all kinds of hardships to get to the Golden West. The gold strikes of Virginia City, Nevada and California encouraged many young couples to pack up their belongings and head West, as told in this famous old

"SWEET BETSEY FROM PIKE"

Oh, don't you remember sweet Betsey from Pike Who crossed the big mountains with her

lover Ike,

With two yoke of cattle, a large yellow

dog A tall shanghai rooster and one spotted hog.

One evening quite early they camped on the Platte, "Twas close by the road on a green shady flat,

Where Betsey, sore footed, lay down to repose

With wonder Ike gazed on his Pike Country rose.

Their wagon broke down with a terrible crash

And out on the prairie rolled all kinds

of trash,
A few little baby clothes done up with

'Twas rather suspicious, but all on the square.

The rooster ran off, and their cattle all

That morning the last piece of bacon was fried,

Poor Ike was discouraged, and Betsey was mad The dog drooped his tail and looked so awf'ly sad.

They stopped at Salt Lake to inquire

the way,
When Brigham declared that sweet
Betsey should stay,
But Betsey got frightened and ran like

While Brigham stood pawing the ground like a steer.

They soon reached the desert, where Betsey gave out,
And down in the sand she lay rolling

about,
While Ike, half distracted, looked on
with surprise,
Saying "Betsey, get up, you'll get
sand in your eyes."
Sweet Betsey get un in a great deal Sweet Betsey got up in a great deal of

pain, Declared she'd go back to Pike

Country again, But Ike gave a sigh, and they fondly embraced

And they travelled along with his arm round her waist.

They suddenly stopped on a very high

With wonder they gazed down on old Placerville,

Ike sighed when he said, with his eyes

downcast,
"Sweet Betsey, my darling, we've made
it at last."

Then Ike and sweet Betsey attended a

dance, Ike wore a pair of his Pike Country pants.

Sweet Betsey was covered with ribbons

and rings,
Says Ike, "You're an angel, if you but
had wings."

A miner said, "Betsey, will you dance with me?"

"I will that, old boy, if you don't act too free, But don't dance too hard, because I'll

tell you why,
I'm tired and I'm chock full of strong
alkali."

This Pike Country couple were married of course.

But Ike became jealous, and got a divorce,

Sweet Betsey was mad, and said with a

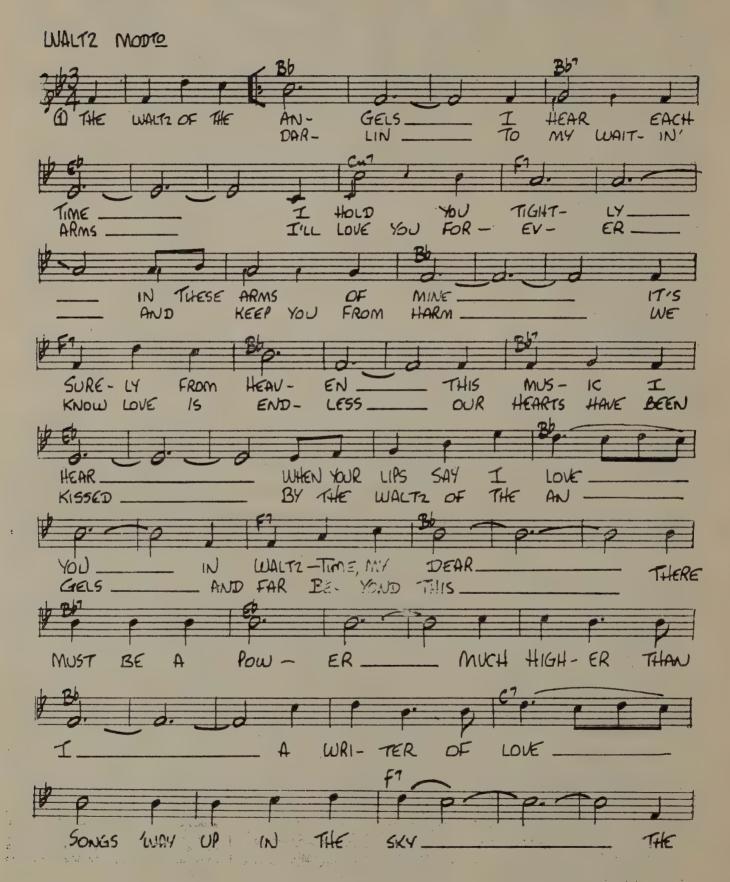
shout,
"Goodbye, you big lummox, get packed
and get out."

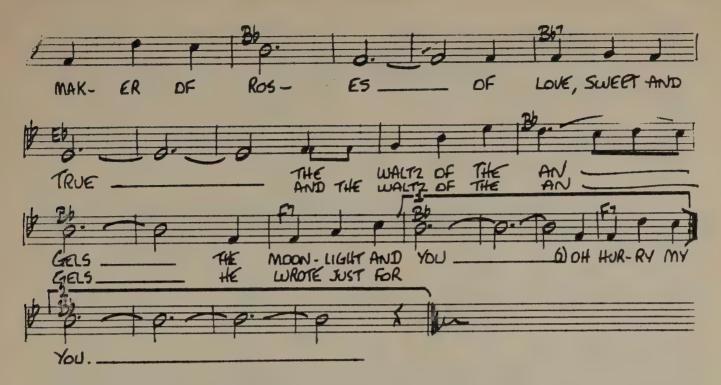
Speaking of strong winds and storms, one old westerner exclaimed, "Yes, wind

does get up and blow around here once in a while. Most generally it comes from the south or the north, and when it gets to going whirligig fashion, then things start to move. The safest place is in a storm shelter just like the ground hogs; for them winds have power when they come sweeping at you from across the prairies. I've seen barns picked up and carried about a mile and sat down gently without a board or door missing, and hen houses and hog sheds drifting through the air like falling leafs. I once saw some chickens go flying like a drove of sparrows and land on a hill about a mile away, those chickens didn't have a feather left on them; they were as naked as a jaybird but still alive. And one of my horses was sitting propped up in the fork of a tree wondering how he got there. The wind was so strong that it sucked the water up out of a nearby pond, and fish were scattered all over the nearby fields. Them winds do funny tricks sometimes, and it only takes about two minutes to change the whole countryside from beauty to destruction. But when they have passed by, I just sit down and enjoy them health-giving prairie winds and Western yarns; such as the one about the cyclone that sucked the cookstove out of the kitchen, up the chimney flue and onto the next town, and came back the next day for the cook pots and griddles."

THE WALTZ OF THE ANGELS

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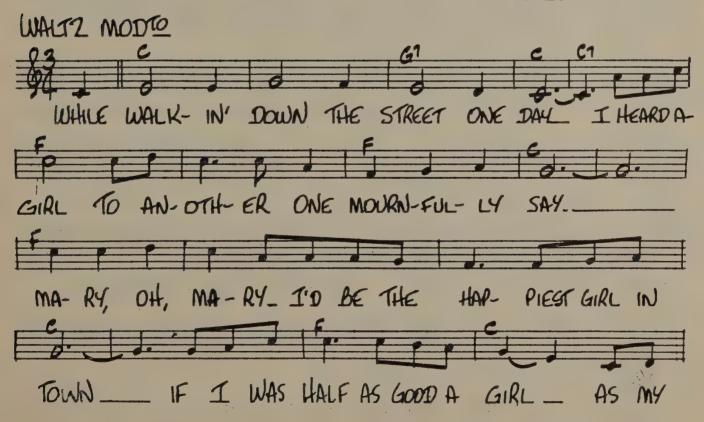


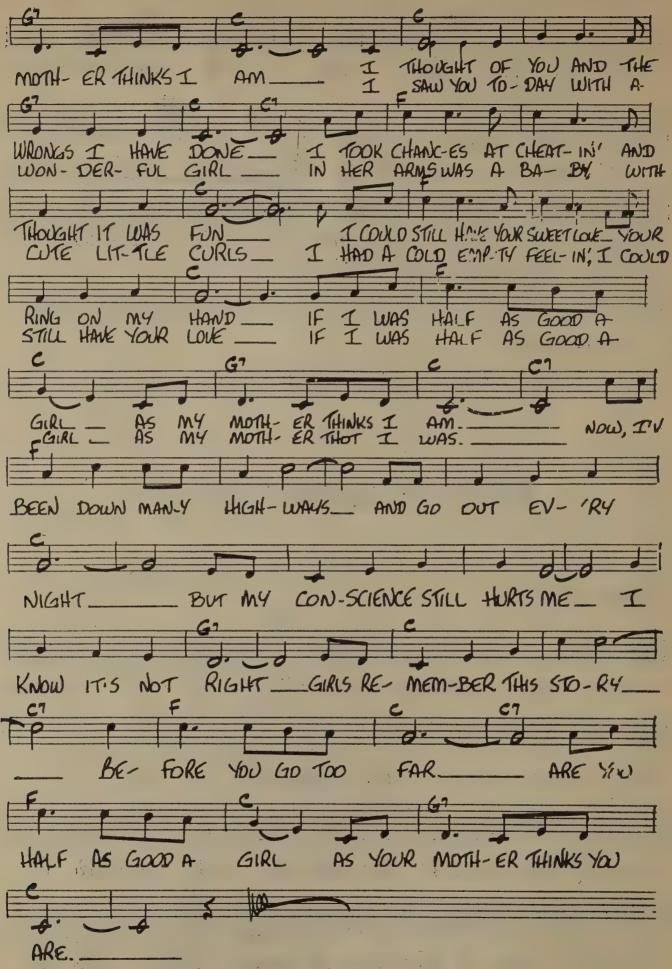


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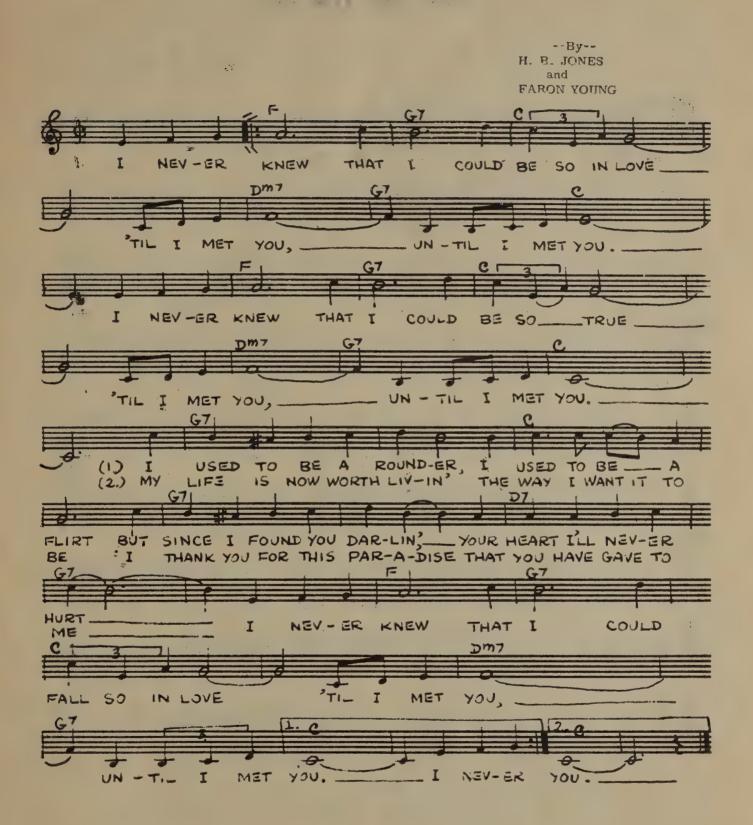
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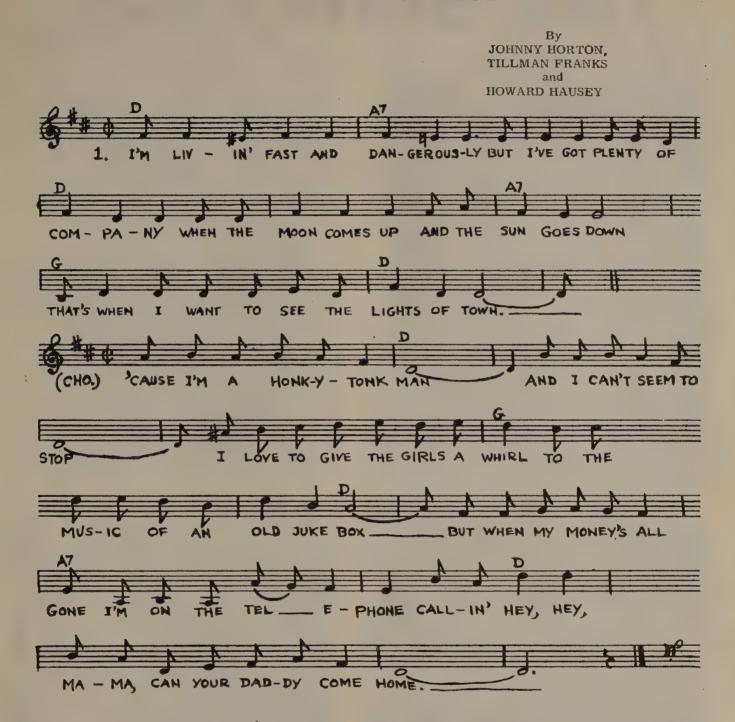
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YOU ARE THE ONE

BY PATTERSON



HONKY-TONK MAN



(2ND VERSE)

IT TAKES A PURTY LITTLE GIRL AND A JUG OF WINE, THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A HONKEY-TONK MIND WITH THE JUKE BOX WHININ' HONKEY-TONK STYLE THAT'S WHEN I WANT TO LAY MY MONEY DOWN.

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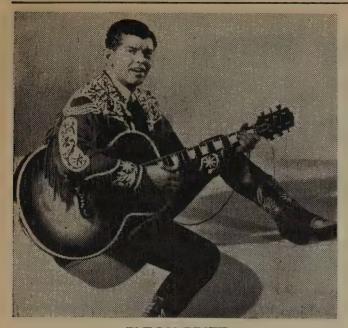
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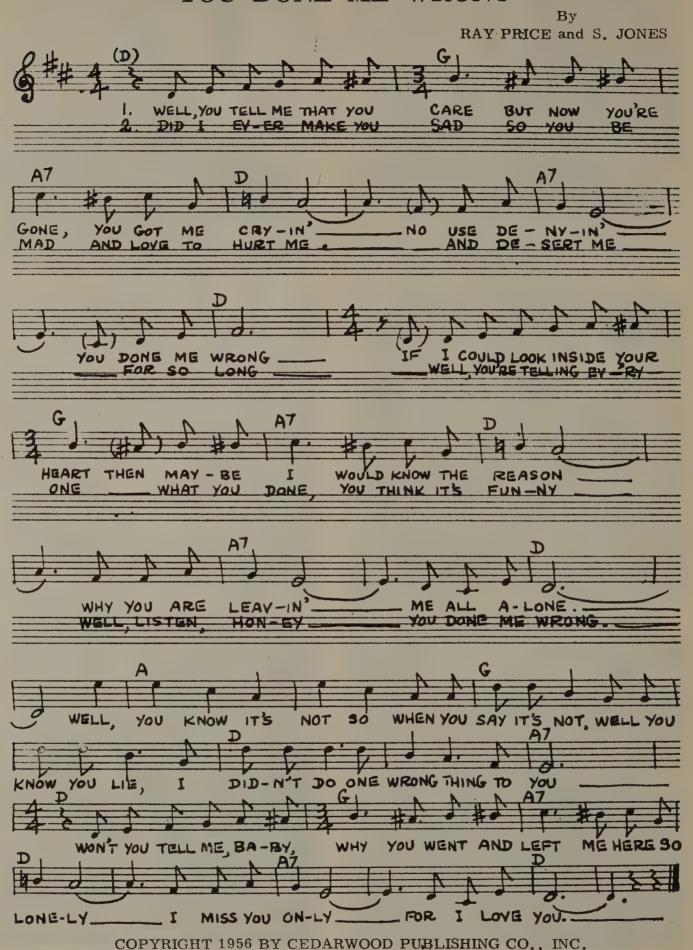


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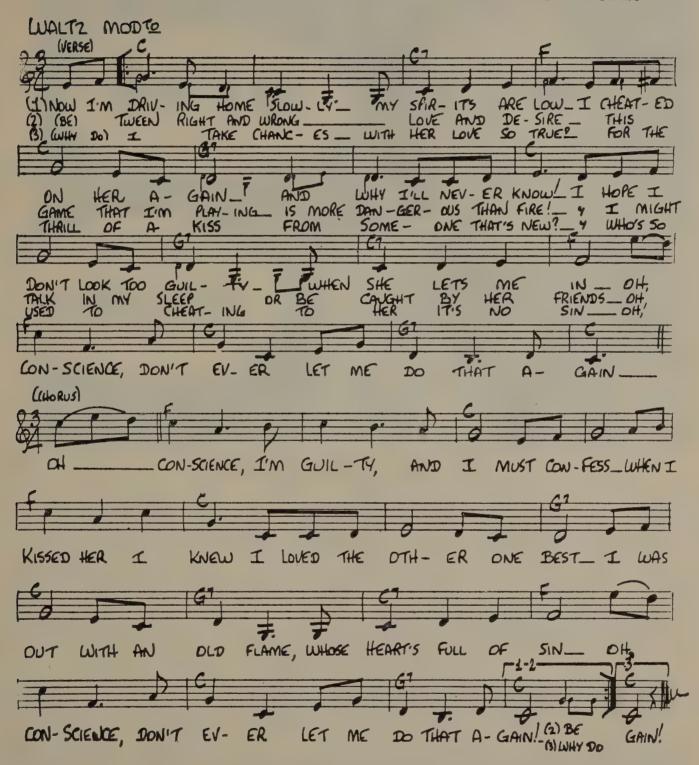
FERLIN HUSKEY AT THE OPRY

YOU DONE ME WRONG



CONSCIENCE, I'M GUILTY

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HANK THOMPSON

Ever since he went into the Country music game, Capitol Records' standout, Hank Thompson, has been chalkin' up hits. One of the first professional jobs Hank ever had was over Station WACO, Waco, Texas (his home town), where he was billed as "Hank The Hired Hand" and needless to say, he made quite a hit with the listeners. When World War II began. Hank joined the Navy — but didn't forget about picking and singing. Packing his guitar with him wherever he was sent, the big fellow spent almost every spare moment entertaining his fellow shipmates — chalkin' up hit after hit with the boys.

Hank's first big break came shortly after he got out of the navy. He recorded one of his own songs, "Whoa Sailor", on a small label called Globe Records which became a very big regional hit. The tune — and Hank — came to the attention of Hal Horton, of KRLD, Dallas, and before long "Whoa Sailor" was Number One in the Waco-Dallas area. Horton was quick to recognize the tremendous talent of this singing, songwriting young Texan and made the pitch to several larger record companies — but nothing happened.

Hank continued turning 'em out for Globe, with his next release, "Humpty Dumpty Heart", making plenty of

noise. Once again, Hal Horton approached the large recording companies, and this time Capitol Records jumped on the Thompson bandwagon, signing Hank to a long-term contract. Capitol took over the "Humpty Dumpty Heart" disc, and it became an overnight sensation, selling over a million copies. This was Hank Thompson's first national hit — and many more have followed during the past several years.

Since his first smash, the Thompson lad has waxed such top-selling platters as Green Light", "Tomorrow Night", "Love Thief", "Today", "Waiting In The Lobby Of Your Heart", "The New Wears Off Too Fast", "Wild Side Of Life", "No Help Wanted", "Rub-A-Dub Dub", "John Henry", Yesterday's Girl", "Wake Up, Irene", "Breakin' In Another Heart", "Wildwood Flower" and his latest hit, "Blackboard Of My Heart".

But having top-selling records is just a part of the "Waco Wonder's" success. During the early part of his "big-time" career, Hank booked mainly as a "single", worked various pakage shows and units. Then, he began to feel that in some way he was missing the boat by not having a good Western band to back him up. A good band, he reasoned, would enable him to offer the people,

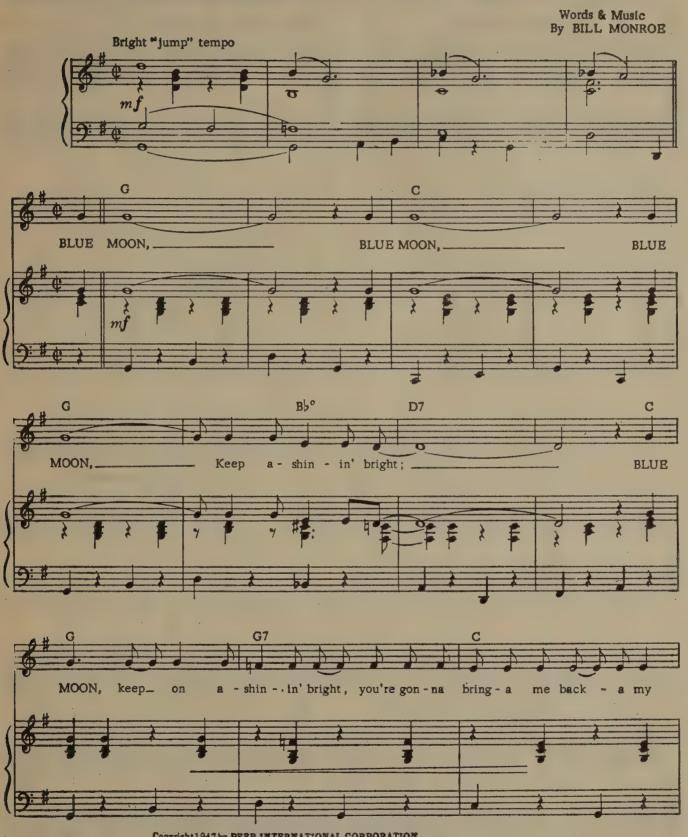
as well as the promoters, a double bill an artist known by his recordings, plus a top Western dance band.

During the past few years, Hank has spent thousands of dollars in perfecting and presenting his "Brazos Valley Boys" — one of the great Country-Western aggregations in the land. Wherever they've appeared, throughout the U.S.A. and Canada, they've made a hit with the fans, who appreciate the efforts of this top-notch attraction no end. Little wonder that the virtuous Country music trade and fan publications have named Hank's combine as the outstanding Country-Western band in the nation, year after year.

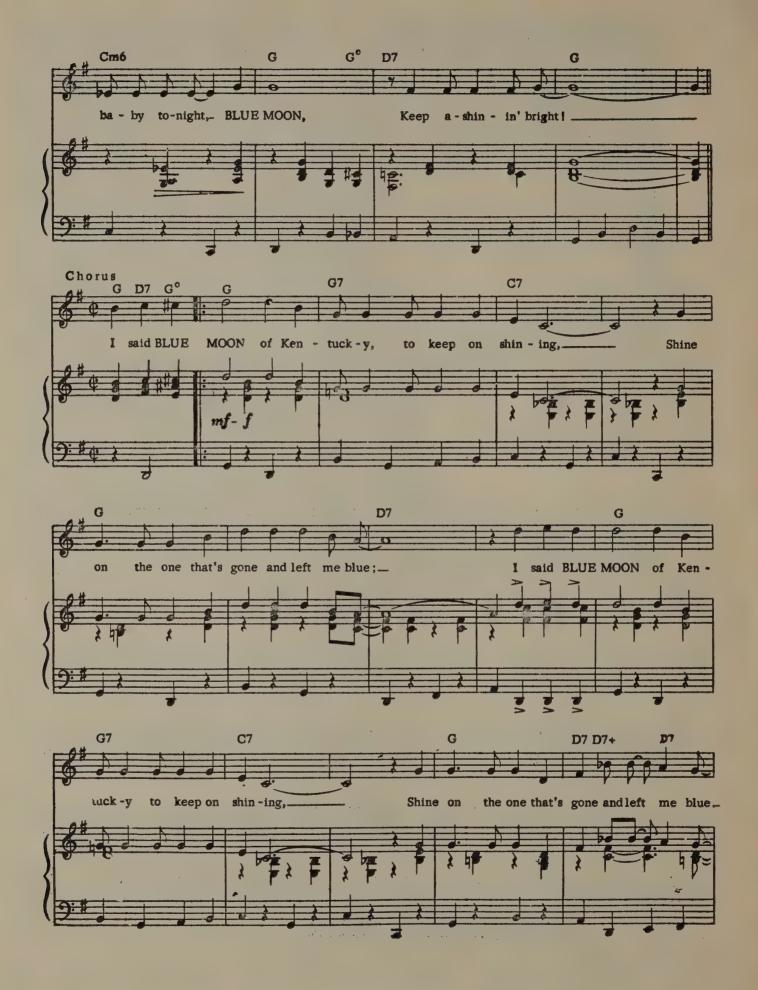
Yes, this 31-year-old Texan has done alright for himself — and we Country music fans will be mighty happy to see Hank Thompson keep on chalkin' up the hits.

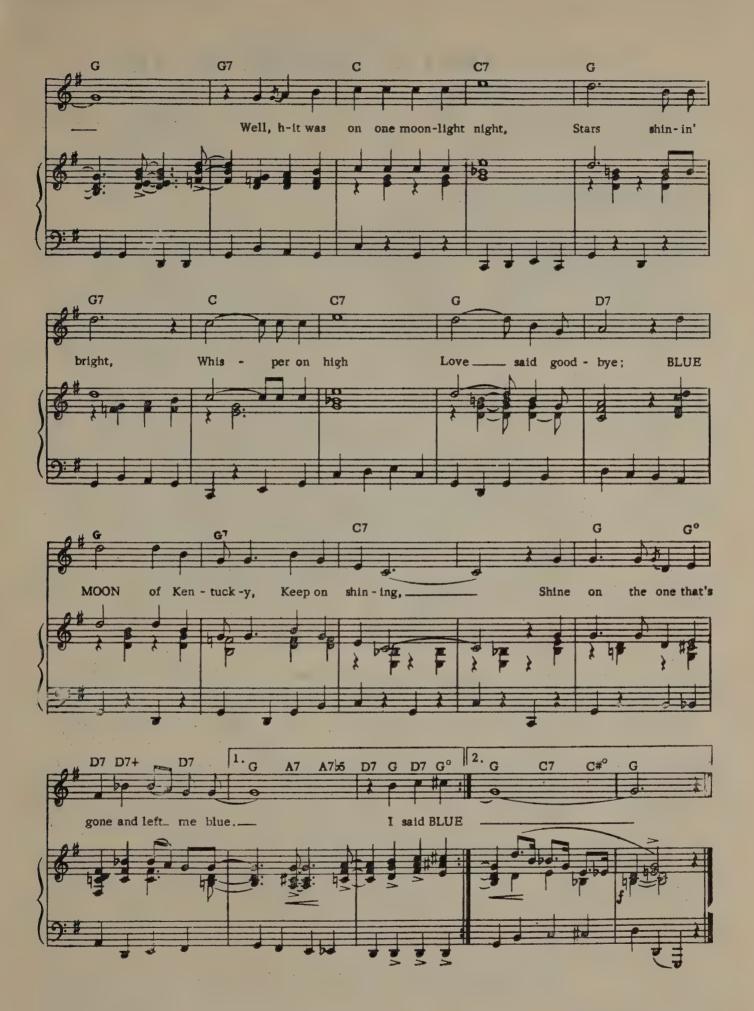
Incidentally, the rumor has it that "our boy" Hank will, in the very near future, be featured in a full-length motion-picture. So, you guys and gals can keep those eyes and ears open and see what you can dig up on this bit of information. We certainly feel that handsome Mr. Thompson would be right smart as a motion picture idol.

BLUE MOON OF KENTUCKY



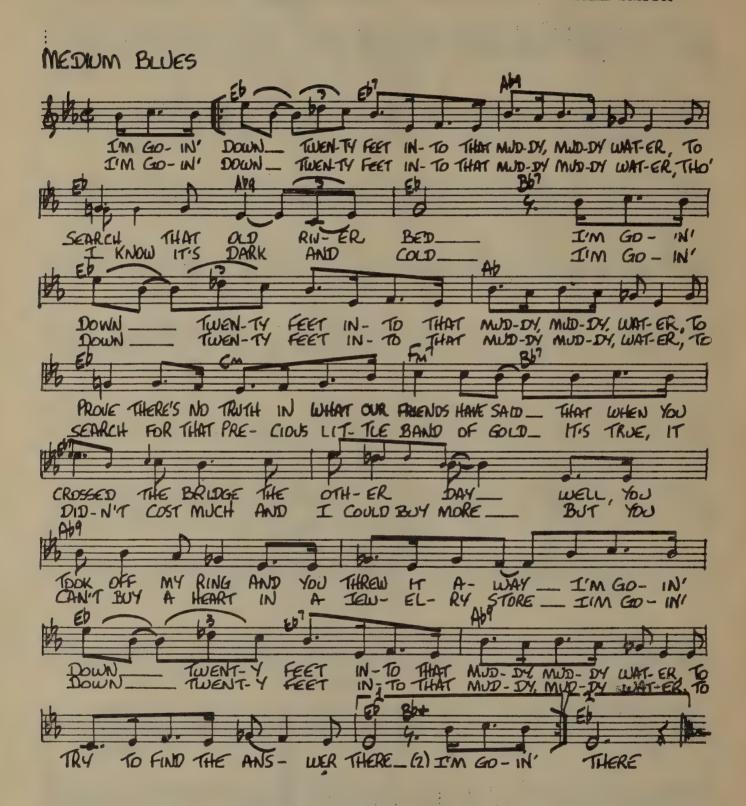
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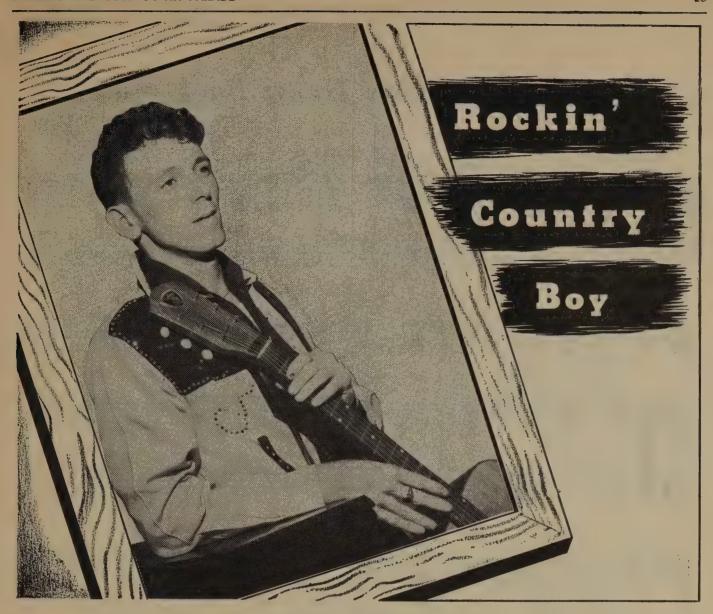


TWENTY FEET OF MUDDY WATER

BILL SMITH



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GENE VINCENT

"The Screaming End" is here — and he's crashed through the front gate of stardom with both feet in a sock sensation Capitol recording of "Be-Bop-A-Lula" and "Woman Love". Within three week's, fiery Gene Vincent's first waxing passed the 200,000 mark and continued to climb steadily upwards.

One of several hundred Rock-and-Roll specialists auditioned for Capitol, 21-year-old Gene was touted to the company's A and R men from Radio Station WCMS, in Norfolk, Virginia. There he had been making weekly personal appearances on "Country Showtime," and what he was doing to audiences was rated as nothing short of sensational.

The youngster came from practically nowhere to hit the spotlight. He had never had any previous professional experience. His playing had been confined to the forward deck of a tanker while he served with the United States Navy, and before that to his bedroom at home. He says most of his friends thought he was crazy because of the style he used — but it's the individuality of that style that is paying off now from coast to coast.

Ordinarily considered a rather shy and modest youngster, when Gene gets ahold of a guitar and gets a good beat, like the one "The Blue Caps" afford him on records and personals, a fiery comes pouring out as if it had been under a terrific pressure.

This style was discovered by Gene back when he was only twelve-years-old. He first heard the pattern from which it was developed in a Virginia backwoods store. The rhythmic patter of the Negro Folk songs was contagious to the youngster, and applications of it haunted him for the next several years.

Finally he managed to borrow a guitar from a friend in West Virginia and from there he worked out the style that today is being heard from juke boxes and radios coast-to-coast.

Perhaps the sparkling talent of Gene Vincent would never have been waxed if it hadn't been for the urging of some of his close friends. When auditions for "Country Showtime" were announced over WCMS, his friends seemed to think Gene should tryout. He put it off for several days, but finally he mustered up a little nerve, swallowed his natural modesty whole, and put in a bid for a part in the show.

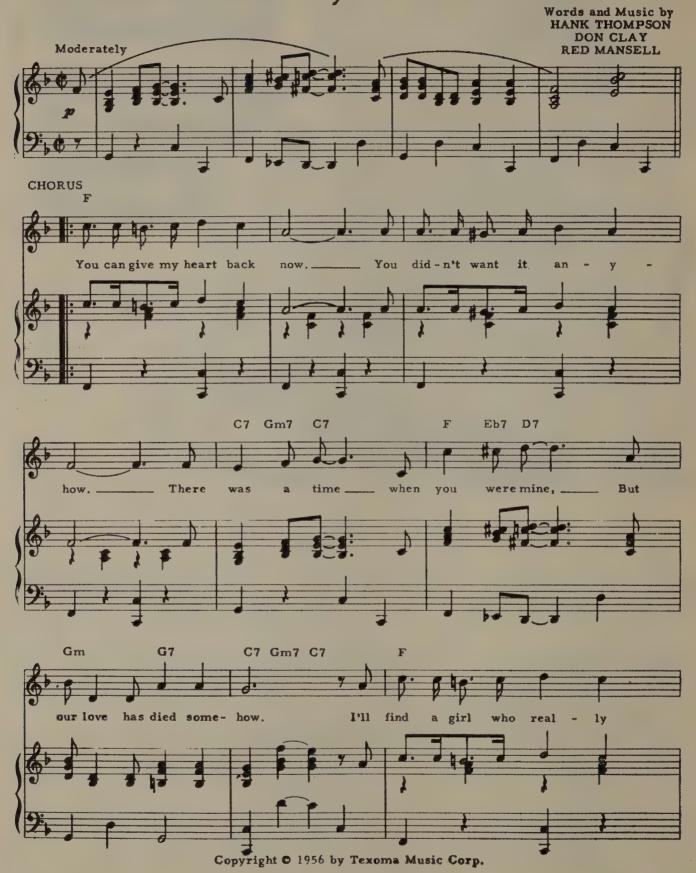
After he auditioned, he went home and waited. As a matter of fact, he even got scared again when he heard

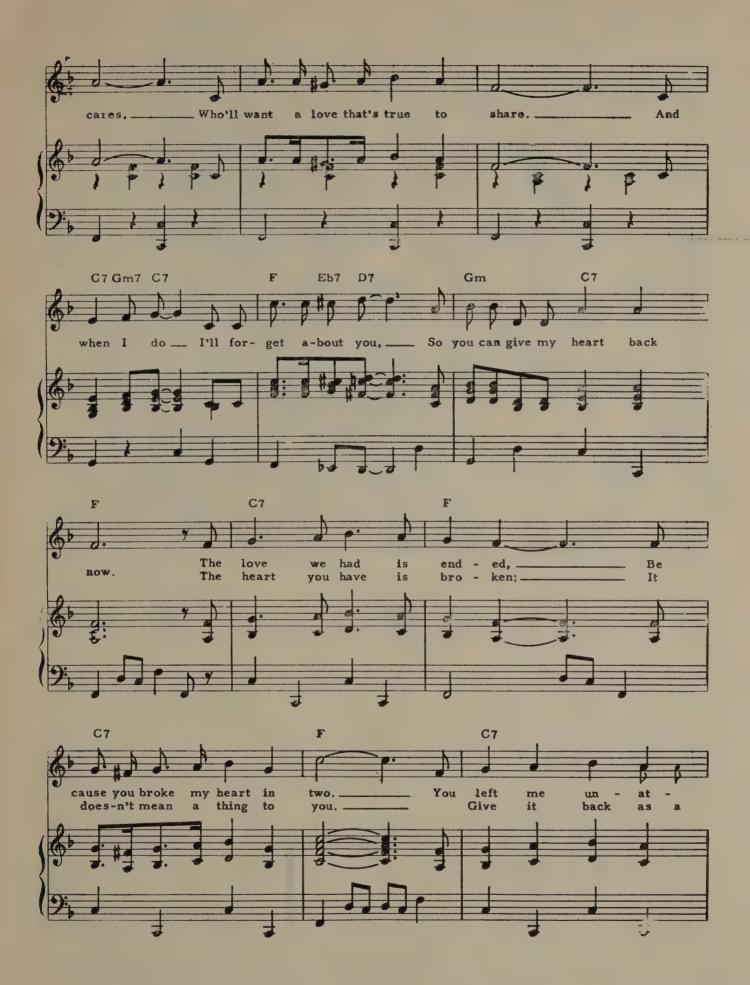
an announcement to the effect that he had been selected for the show, and the station thought for a few days they had lost him and he had gone back to the nowhere from which he came. But fibrand of music that can't be quenched nally he did show up, just in time to get in a few rehearsals for his first show — and from there on the story of Gene Vincent is current history.

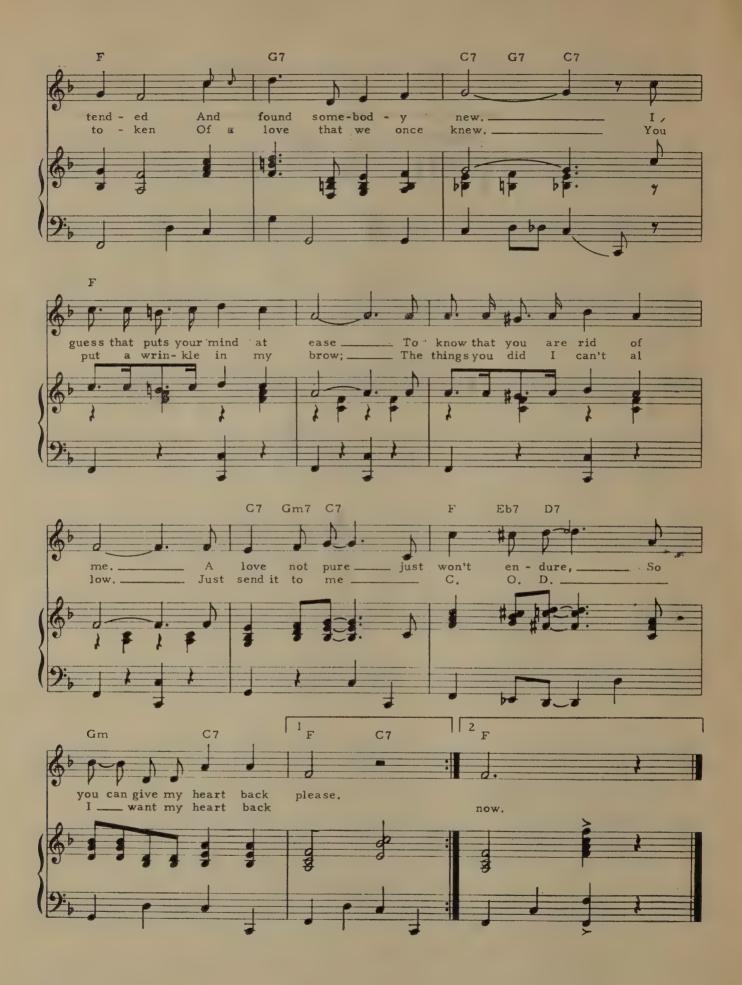
Doctors have attributed some of Gene's sounds to a high and narrow roofed palate. Said his family doctor, "You have the strangest palate I have ever seen." Perhaps that helps explain why Gene Vincent has become known as "The Screaming End."

For you people who enjoy those "real crazy" rock 'n' roll sounds, the new thing happening on Capitol is Gene's tremendous album. He certainly "wails a storm." The thing to do is to get right down to your favorite record store and order your platter right now, because in this album you get the top R&R songs of the day, plus some fine ballads, done in the intriguing style of Gene Vincent. Latest reports are that Gene's "Be-Bop-A-Lula" side has gone well over the million mark in sales and that his album is following close behind.

You Can Give My Heart Back Now









Now that brother Jim is in basic training (at the time of this writing) the other members of "The Browns", Maxine and Bonnie, are chancing it alone. That seems to be the story of the entertaining Brown family.

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The team of Jim Edward and Maxine Brown took their first chance when they decided on a career in Country music. However, the powerful success of their records, the wild stampin' and applause at personal appearances proved this was a wise move. But the opportunity to take a chance soon again "popped up". At home, just aching to get into the act, was their beautiful younger sister Bonnie. Some folks feared that bringing Bonnie into an act that was already successful was too big a risk. Yet, that didn't stop the Browns, so they were on their way as a trio — two pretty gals and a guy — pickin' and singin' their way into the hearts of Country fans everywhere.

During this time, the young threesome had enjoyed a wonderful relationship with Fabor Records. Fabor had
done a fine job in promoting their discs,
yet they felt it was time for a change.
Steve Sholes, who "rides here" on the
Country entertainers for RCA Victor,
had had his eye on the Browns for some
time — and moved right in when he
saw the opportunity. Again, the wellmeaning people warned: "Don't switch
horses in the middle of the stream".
Needless to say, they made the change — and with beautiful results!
Uncle Sam has no favorite neph-

THE

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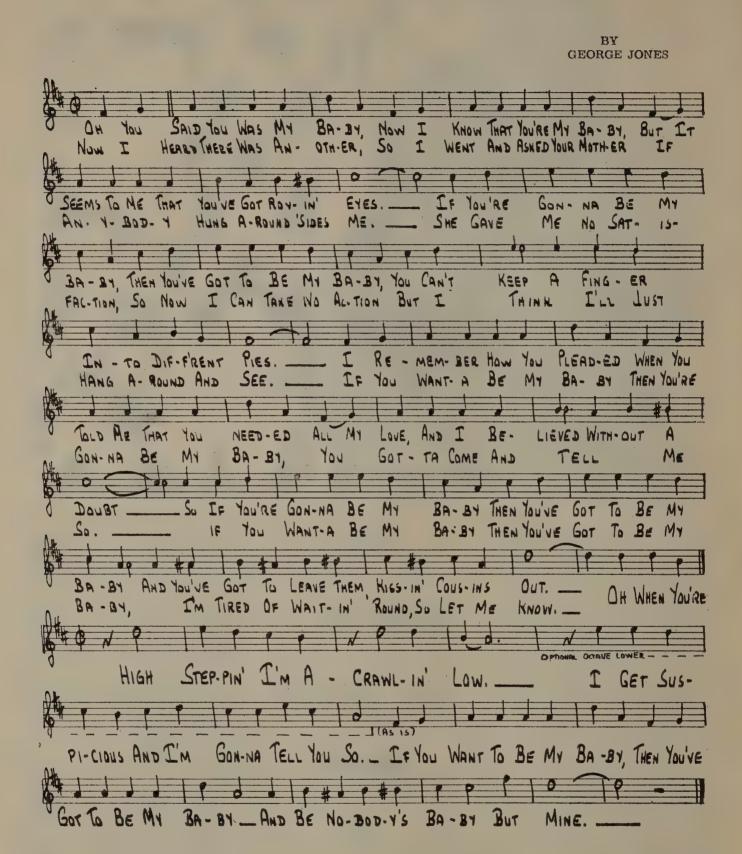
Maxine

ews — he loves them all and sent his "greeting" to Jim Edward via the President. Being a dutiful young American, Jim E. donned the garb of an Army private and started his basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado.

The problem was left to the girls:
"What to do with the act?" They could ride the trail alone, or go into retirement until brother Jim returned to his cowboy boots. But, like so many times before, they took the chance and went on to score as a sister team via personal appearances. They returned to the "Ozark Jubilee" (KWTO, Springfield, Mo.), and to the delight of the fans the girls sang with Bobby Ford ("Goo-Goo-Dada") and the one and only Red Foley ("As Far As I'm Concerned"). The show was happy to have the Brown girls as guests — and by the sound of their applause, so were the fans in the audience.

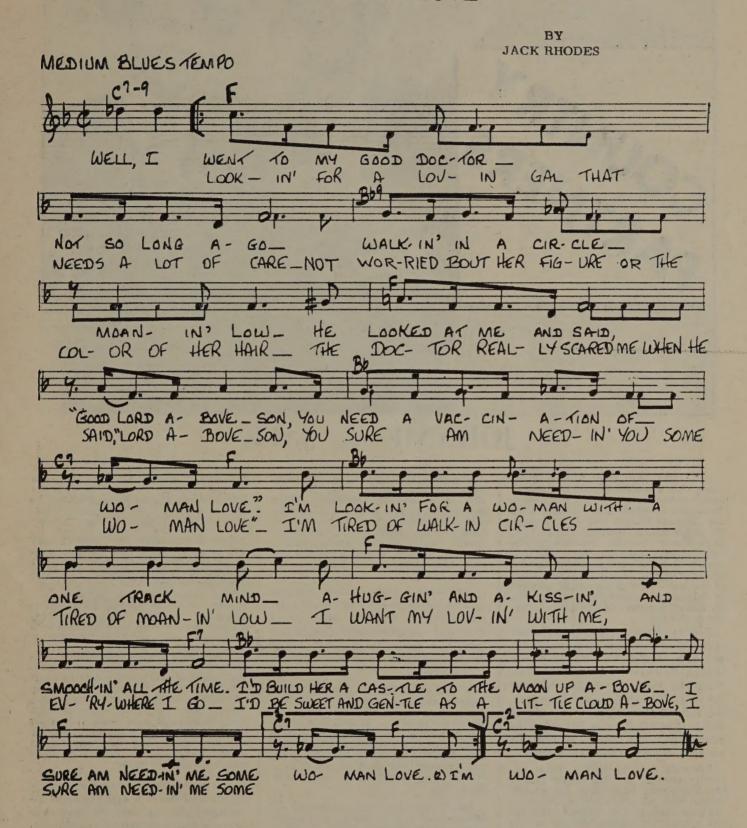
When you come right down to it, the Browns didn't take a chance at all. With all their talent, it was a sure thing that success would be on their side. Their new RCA Victor record, "I Take The Chance", has taken a "big hold" on Country music lovers, and looks like it's going to be tops on the charts. Maxine and Bonnie are being rushed for personal appearances and TV shows ever since "Chance" was released. We guess brother Jim Edward is pretty proud of his two sisters for the way they're taking care of things — and who could bleme him?

YOU GOTTA BE MY BABY



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WOMAN LOVE





JOHNNIE & JACK

Two farm boys from Middle Tennessee with a yen for pickin' and singin' have worked their way to a top spot in America's Country music circles. They are Johnnie Wright and Jack Anglin, the "Tennessee Mountain Boys," of RCA Victor Records and "Grand Ole Opry" fame. Both are big, husky fellows, with broad smiles and a talent for writing, singing and playing the songs of the soil — which puts their services in demand in auditoriums and on the air almost anywhere folks get together for a shindig.

Johnnie Wright, originator and manager of the "Tennessee Mountain Boys", was born on May 13, 1914, in Wilson County, Tennessee, fifteen miles from Nashville, where he was first to make his reputation. He received his education through the eighth grade in Mount Juliet, at which time he left school to help support his family. In 1928, he moved to Nashville with his parents.

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Johnnie's musical ability comes naturally enough, for his father played the five-string banjo and his grandfather was, at one time, a champion old-time fiddler. The entire family often played for square dances in the neighboring community, and people would gather from miles around to dance and listen to the Country harmonies. Johnnie's favorite hobbies are fishing and hunting. He is happily married to the the famous Kitty Wells and the father of three children — Ruby Jean, Johnnie Robert (stage name, Bobby Wright) and Carol Sue.

The other half of the starring team, Jack Anglin, was born on May 13, 1916, in Columbia, Tennessee. When still a boy he, too, moved to Nashville, and like Johnnie, was forced to quit school in the eighth grade. His father taught him to play the guitar, and he and his brothers formed a quartet and made their debut over a Nashville station in 1936.

Jack is six feet one inch tall, has blue eyes and dark brown hair. He is married to Johnnie Wright's sister and has been with the group ever since it was formed — except for a period during the war when he spent two years on duty overseas.

It was at WSIX, in Nashville, that Johnnie and Jack met and formed the group now known as "The Tennessee Mountain Boys" — of which they are the vocalists. They really started to zoom to fame when they cut their first sides for RCA Victor in 1949. They are still knockin' 'em dead on the famous "Grand Ole Opry," heard over WSM, Nashville.

Johnnie and Jack are the famous originators of a new style in Country music. Some listeners claim it has a Latin flavor and that the rhythm is a cross between a rhumba and a samba. Johnnie and Jack both deny that there is anything new in the rhythm for which they are famous. "Heck, we've been doing it all our lives," they say.

Their first record using this style was "Poison Love" and was an immediate

hit. They followed this record with "Cryin' Heart Blues," also with the Latin flavor. Recent Victor hits by the duo include "I Get So Lonely" and "Sincerley", "Weary Moments" and "S.O.S."

Johnnie and Jack have written over 100 songs together. Some of the tunes which you have heard are "You Can't Conceal A Broken Heart," "I Can't Tell My Heart That," "Lonesome," "What About You" and "Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide," Their latest smash Joon RCA Victor is a ditty dubbed "Love. Tove, Love" backed with "I Loved You after Than You Knew".

Most music critics feel that Johnnie & Jack have two of the finest "blending"voices in the music recording business, and this could be one reason why all their platters are such tremendous sellers. You must also remember that both these boys were born and raised on the pure and wholesome sounds of Country music, and they have spent many, many years in developing their trulyrem arkable style.

You might also be interested to know that more Johnnie & Jack fan clubs are springing day by day and that their fans are among the most loyal. Naturally, both J & realize this fact and are always on the lookout to sing the songs the fans want to hear. These boys conclubs and offer as much help as they tinually try to keep in touch with their can. You must admit they're truly fine "Country Partners."

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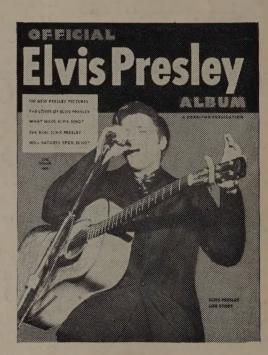
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